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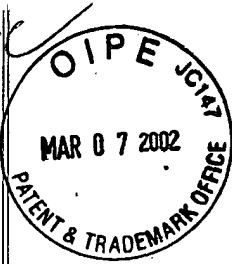
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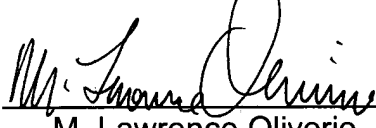
1. Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application
2. Assignment and Recordation Form Cover Sheet
3. Check in the amount of \$170.00.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge  
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Respectfully submitted,

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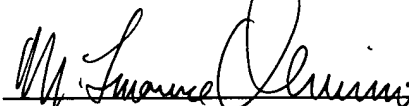
**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE  
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In response to the communication of January 15, 2002, Applicants submit a Declaration/Power of Attorney for filing in this application, the required fee of \$130.00, and a copy of the Notice of Missing Parts.

Please associate the enclosed declaration with the application, grant any extensions of time required to enter this response, and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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